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[Full-text transcription of: Letter from General David R. Atchison, Headquarters, of the 3rd Division of Missouri Militia at Liberty, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO]

D. R. Atchison to Com. in chief Sept 23, 1838 copied

Liberty Sept:23rd. 1838

To His Excellency, The Commander in Chief

Sir, Your order through

the Adjutant General of 15th inst: was received on the 22nd inst- Your Excellency will percieve from a former report, that an armed force was ordered out under my command from the Militia of the 3rd Div: to put down in: :surrection, supposed to exist in the Counties of Caldwell & Davis, and to assist the Civil of: :ficerz in those Counties to bring offenderz to trial, and otherwise enforce the lawz — I now again inform your Excellency that all offenderz against the lawz in those Countiez, against whom procesz was issued, & particularly the persons in the writ named, issued by William Dryden, a Justice of the peace for Daviesz County, or at least as many of them as were found in the County of Daviesz were brought before a Court of enquiry & recognized to appear at the Circuit Court- And Brigadier Genl Parks was left in said County of Daviesz with two companies of fifty men each for the purpose of enforcing the laws under the direction of the Civil officerz, and from the facts, as far az

as I could learn them, one hundred men were amply sufficient for all purposez of enforcing law, keeping down insurrection. &c

I have the honor &c D. R. Atchison Major Genl. 3rd Div.